



ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 2-21 with the following amended paragraph.

Figure 2 illustrates the tubular member 1 in an enlarged longitudinal section; the same numbers fit the same parts. The inflatable element, the small balloon 301, is seen slipped over the tubular element ~~304~~ 501, which is inserted into the tubular member 1 in a coaxial, longitudinally sliding manner; the mouthpiece 321 of the balloon 321 is permanently attached, for instance glued or thermally welded to the side wall of the element 501 for a certain stretch of its length, and exhibits at its end a swelling 311 that acts as a seal. At its end pointed toward the outside of the member 1, the tubular element 501 presents some radial apertures 511, while axially housing the holding bar 211 of the cap 201, which blocks the balloon 301 in between. The balloon is also shown, by a dotted and pointed line, in the configuration assumed after inflating, numbered 301'. The element 501 is at its opposite end fitted with the flaps 521 which are furnished with a toothed profile, capable of engaging with the corresponding contours produced by the hollows 401 formed on the sidewalls of the tubular member 1.